

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in view of the present amendments and in light of the following discussion, it is respectfully requested.

This amendment is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, which after final rejection permits entering of amendments canceling claims, complying with any requirement of form expressly set forth in a previous office action, or presenting rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal. The present amendment places the claims in condition for allowance, and does not raise new issues requiring further search and/or consideration.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the present amendment be entered under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Claims 19-36 are pending. Claims 23-24, 27, 29-31, 33 and 35 are amended to address cosmetic issues of form identified in the outstanding Office Action. No new matter is introduced.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 23, 33, and 35 were objected to; Claims 23-24, 27 and 29-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; and Claims 19-22, 25, 26, 28 and 30-36 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. The indication of allowable subject matter is gratefully acknowledged. For reasons discussed below it is believed that all claims are now in condition for formal allowance.

Initially, Claims 23, 33, and 35 are amended to adopt the Examiner's suggestions. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to Claims 23, 33, and 35 be withdrawn.

Further, Claims 23-24, 27 and 29-31 are amended to address the informalities identified in the outstanding Office Action. As such, it is believed that Claims 23-24, 27, and 29-31, as amended, conform to the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claims 23-24, 27 and 29-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

For the reasons discussed above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance for Claims 19-36 is earnestly solicited.

Should, however, the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encourage to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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